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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a dry week with temperatures averaging near normal. Seasonable temperatures prevailed at the beginning of the week, gave way to very warm conditions in the west on Wednesday and over the State on Thursday and Friday. Temperatures during midweek were generally in the 80s, but a few stations reached the lower 90s. A cold front moved into the northwest corner of the State on Friday dropping afternoon temperatures more than 20 degrees from Thursday's highs. The cold air spread over the entire State on Saturday and Sunday with afternoon readings in the 50s and lower 60s. The only precipitation during the week consisted of a few very light showers in the northeast on Saturday.

CROPS Harvest of row crops made good progress during the past week. Most of the activity was in the harvest of soybeans and sorghum with 66 percent of the soybean crop combined at the close of the week and 45 percent of the milo out of the fields. This is slightly behind a year earlier but is running just a little ahead of normal. The push to get soybeans and milo out of the field is slowing the harvest of corn and at the close of the week, only 18 percent had been harvested, running behind a year earlier but very close to normal. Moisture content of all grains dropped rapidly under the influence of warm weather with low humidity.

Winter wheat in the Panhandle and some other western counties is suffering from a lack of moisture and showing signs of deterioration. A general rain over the entire State would be beneficial to the growing wheat crop but would slow harvest operations of row crops.

Sugar beet harvest is making good progress as weather conditions are favorable with cool nights and warm days. The dry condition is causing some problem with clods in the beets. Dry beans are mostly in the bin. Digging of potatoes continues but most of this crop will be out of the ground by the end of the week.

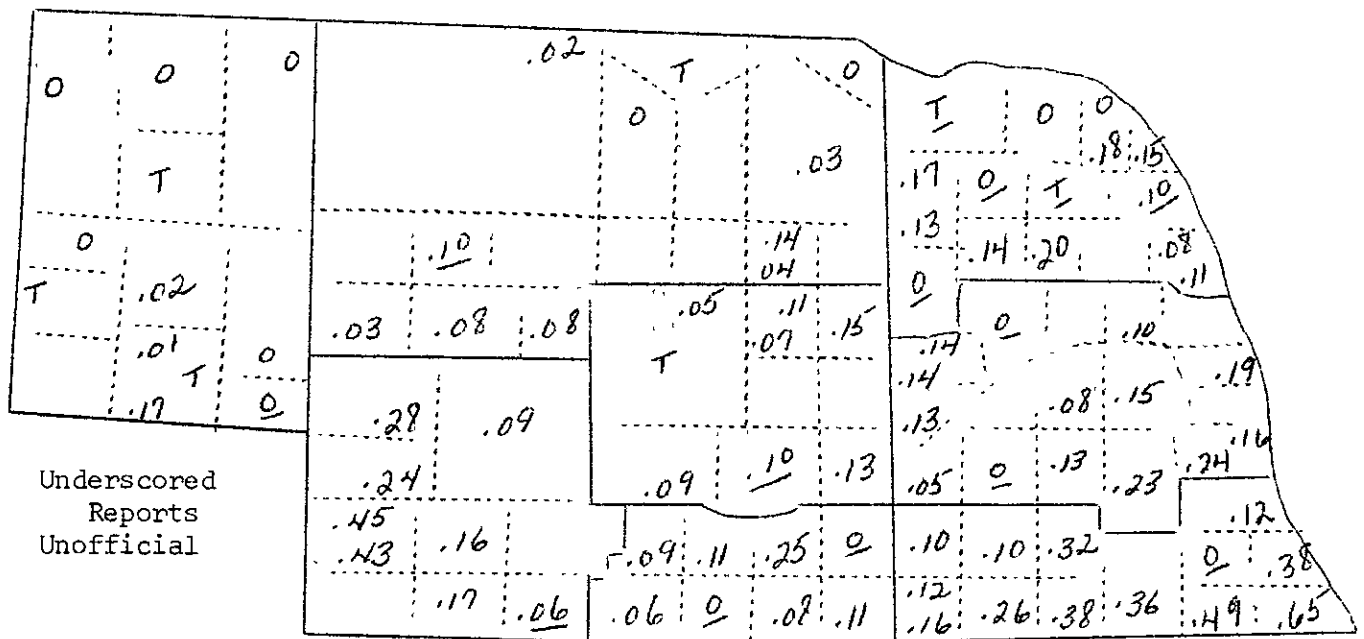
Range and pasture feed in the Panhandle and central parts of the State is very dry, dusty, and brittle. This situation is creating a fire hazard and some fires have occurred but so far have not been widespread. Forage feeds are generally adequate for livestock needs and livestock are now being turned into harvested fields of milo and corn to glean the fallen grain.

LIVESTOCK Weather conditions have been favorable for fall farrowing of pigs with good average size litters being realized. Late fall calves are being favored by good weather. Movement of stocker and feeder cattle is picking up with a greater movement of stock into feedlots from the range area. Inshipments in September of 137,000 head of cattle are down 8 percent from last year. Sheep inshipments are up 13 percent from a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 1964

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.04	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.08				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 1964



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	69	28	79	35	85	40	86	51	62	43	56	37	55	18		
	Scottsbluff	71	30	73	33	82	35	84	42	75	44	58	31	52	19		
	Sidney	66	32	70	33	77	40	82	43	84	43	57	35	50	19		
NC	Burwell	71	31	74	39	78	44	85	42	78	49	63	27	58	--		
	Valentine	68	30	74	44	80	38	88	47	66	46	58	28	54	23		
NE	Norfolk	67	37	72	38	73	50	80	52	83	46	61	32	58	32		
	Sioux City	67	39	71	43	74	48	80	52	81	48	60	35	60	30		
CEN	Grand Island	70	31	71	37	74	47	80	49	85	45	60	33	60	28		
EC	Lincoln	67	40	70	41	71	49	77	54	81	48	66	41	59	35		
	Omaha	64	43	71	46	72	48	76	53	80	47	64	34	60	30		
SW	Imperial	66	32	73	37	78	39	86	37	88	49	59	38	54	24		
	North Platte	70	31	72	41	77	42	89	38	83	49	60	31	56	18		

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